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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

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(Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818))

Docket Number (Optional)

2863 (203-3511PCTUS)

Application Number 10/529,800

Filed March 30, 2005

For TOOL ASSEMBLY FOR SURGICAL STAPLING DEVICE

Art Unit 3721

Examiner Michelle Lopez

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):

|   | Fee    | Small Entity Fee |           |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) | \$120  | \$60             | \$ 120.00 |
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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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☐ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.

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I am the ☐ applicant/inventor.☐ assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.

Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed (Form PTO/SB/96).

☒ attorney or agent of record. Registration Number 39,517☐ attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34.

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CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8(a)

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